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The Office Action Summary page of the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002 indicates that a certified copy of the priority document has not been received. This is inconsistent with the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed July 16, 2001, which in item 1 indicates that the PTO has received the priority document. In view of this inconsistency, clarification is requested as to whether or not the priority document has been received.

Respectfully submitted,

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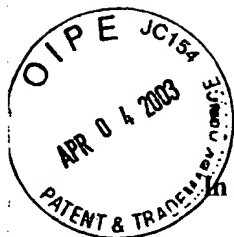
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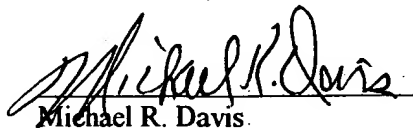
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